

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FIFE.MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - ANNUAL REPORT.Year ended 31st December, 1948.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

I beg to present my report for the year
1948

Vital Statistics.

Area 2108 acres, Population
4720, Rateable Value £46,752
Produce of 1d Rate £181. 7. 1d
Separate Dwellings 1,672,
Density 2.82 persons per
house.

Live Births

Total 87: 50 male and 37
female. There were 6
illegitimate children
3 male and 3 female. Three
children were stillborn
(Birthrate 18.4 per 1,000)

Deaths.

Total 50: 23 male and 27
female. Only two children
died under the age of 1
year. 1 of which was
illegitimate. (Death Rate
10.59 per 1,000).

The causes of death were:-

Tuberculosis of the Lungs	1
Cancer of the Breast	2
Cancer of the Uterus	1
Cancer of other Organs	10
Diabetes	1
Diseases of the Heart	17
Diseases of the Blood vessels	2
of the Brain	1
Other diseases of the circulation	3
Bronchitis	2
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	1
Diseases of the Kidney	1
Premature Birth	2
Congenital malformation	1
Death by Violence	4
All other causes.	2

Infectious Disease

The number of cases notified
continued to fall considerably
below the figures of 1946 and
1947. 63 cases only occurred
of which whooping cough
accounted for 31, Measles 14
pneumonia for 12 Scarlet fever
for 5 and meningococcal
meningitis for 1.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The percentage of children
remains very high, estimated
at 95% of the child population
under 15 years of age.

Tuberculosis

The following are the numbers
of cases remaining on my
register at the end of 1948:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Males	12	1
Females	7	1

a Total of 21 cases

Water Supply.

The water supply of the Urban District has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality; bacteriological examinations have been made and proved satisfactory. All the dwelling houses are supplied from water mains direct to the houses and none by stand pipes.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(signed) G.A. DIBB.

September, 1949.